Far West Masters 2014-2015 Season Awards

Special Awards

Each year at the Far West Masters season awards banquet we make several special awards. The Most-Improved Racer award recognizes racers who have demonstrated significant improvement in their racing. The Cantanho "Spirit of Masters" award honors a competitor who exemplifies participation with cheerfulness and joy, as well as contributions to our program to encourage others to share the enjoyment of masters racing.

These special awards are necessarily about being the "best" racer – it's about enthusiasm, enjoying the competitive challenge provided by masters racing, and working to improve racing skills.

Most-Improved Racer

The most-improved award is usually our toughest choice – and also the most fun! It's an opportunity to recognize racers who've been working hard, sometimes for many years, and have demonstrated significant improvement throughout the season. These competitors aren't necessarily on the podium every week, but that's part of the satisfaction of this award. These are folks with a "Wow" factor from their fellow competitors who know them best – "Wow, they've been skiing great, they've really gotten better!" is a key factor in selecting these candidates.

The Most-Improved racer awards for 2014-2015 go to:

- Kim Wentworth (W06)
- Bill Archibald (M10)

Teddy Cantanho "Spirit of Masters" Award

The Cantanho award was started in the 2012 season in memory of Teddy Cantanho, 89 years young when her racing career was cut short, to recognize a competitor who exemplifies participation with cheerfulness and joy, as well as contributions to our program.

The Cantanho "Spirit of Masters" award for 2014-2015 goes to:

• Mary Feddis

PERFECT ATTTENDANCE

We had four competitors who raced in all 18 races held this season: Emily Andrews (W07), Jonathan Garey-Sage (M07), Randall Sussek (M07), Mark Mirviss (M07)

SEASON CLASS AWARDS - WOMEN

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Total number of competitors: 150 (124 men, 26 women) Number of qualifiers: 179 (143 men, 36 women) Average starts per racer: 7 Ave starts men: 7 (903 starts, 124 competitors) Ave starts women: 8 (195 starts, 26 competitors)

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Mammoth SE, Mammoth SE, Alphie SE, Alphie SE, Heavenry SE, Heavenry SE, Mammoth GS, Mammoth GS, Mammoth GS, Squaw SL, Squaw SL, MtRose GS, MtRose GS, Mammoth SG, Mammoth SG, Mammoth SG, Mammoth GS, Mammoth SL]

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Women Class 11 (75-79)

1. Frinell, Marietta - 150 - 8(6)

Women Class 10 (70-74)

- 1. Hogan, Sandy 325 13(13)
- 2. Pettigrew, Marcie 160 8(8)

Women Class 8 (60-64)

Spicher, Lors - 195 - 8(8)
 Crowell, Linda - 125 - 5(5) + 4 open class results

Women Class 7 (55-59)

Andrews, Emily - 350 - 15(15)* + 3 open class results
 Feddis, Mary - 195 - 11(10)
 Cook, Susan - 130 - 7(7)

Women Class 6 (50-54)

1. Wentworth, Kim - 235 - $10(10)^*$ + 7 open class results 2(t).Melton, Jodi - 25 - $1(1)^*$ + 7 open class results 2(t). Palermo, Danielle - 25 - $1(1)^*$ + 5 open class results

Women Open Class)

- 1. Mirviss, Annette (W06) 302 17(14)
- 2. Lewis, Deb (W08) 236 16(16)
- 3. Braun, Ingrid (W05) 150 12(12)

SEASON CLASS AWARDS - MEN

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Men Class 13 (85-89)

1. De Mattei, Gaetano - 250 - 10(10)

Men Class 12 (80-84)

1. Pomey, Carl - 177 - 8(8)

Men Class 11 (75-79)

1. Merritt, Don - 325 - 18(13) 2. Sulser, Martin - 105 - 6(5)

Men Class 10 (70-74)

1. Smith, Don - 295 - 13(13) 2. Archibald, Bill - 250 - 16(14) 3. Dugan, Jim - 200 - 10(9)

Men Class 9 (65-69)

Simmons, Dan - 310 - 16(15)
 Smith, Brian - 245 - 11(11)
 Tanzman, Ronald - 205 - 10(10)

Men Class 8 (60-64)

1. Jeangirard, Pierre - 345 - 16(16) 2(t). Stewart, Tim - 202 - 11(10) 2(t). Tulloch, Ray - 202 - 17(17)

Men Class 7 (55-59)

- 1. Melton, Dave $252 13(12)^* + 2$ open class results
- 2. Garey-Sage, Jonathan 188 17(16)* + 1 open class result
- 3. Sussek, Randall 172 18(14)

Men Class 6 (50-54)

1. Monico, Archie - 305 - 15(14)* + 1 open class result 2. Swanson, Kirk - 187 - 17(16)

3. Hlubucek, Mark - 138 - 13(11)

Men Class 5 (45-49)

- 1. Vingralek, Radek 225 12(10)
- 2. Delfino, Jean-Sebastien 160 12(10)
- 3. Nachman, David 114 8(7)

Men Class 4 (40-44)

1. Adams, Chris - $225 - 11(9)^* + 5$ open class results

Men Class 2 (30-34)

1. Marshall, Mark - 200 - 8(8)

Men Open Class)

- 1. Papazian, Ara (M05) 315 15(15)* + 1 M05 result
- 2. Braun, Michael (M06) 195 16(15)* + 1 M06 result
- 3. Belden, Kurt (M07) 191 15(13)* + 1 M07 result

SEASON BIB AWARDS

TOP FIVE WOMEN

- 1. Mirviss, Annette (W06) 301 17(14)
- 2. Lewis, Deb (W08) 236 16(16)
- 3. Braun, Ingrid (W05) 157 12(12)
- 4. Wentworth, Kim (W06) 144 17(17)
- 5. Andrews, Emily (W07) 129 18(17)

TOP TEN MEN

- 1. Papazian, Ara (M05) 312 16(16)
- 2. Belden, Kurt (M07) 185 16(13)
- 3. Braun, Michael (M06) 175 17(16)
- 4. Jeangirard, Pierre (M08) 158 16(16)
- 5. Shklovski, Mike (M03) 140 8(7)
- 6. Stewart, Tim (M08) 108 11(10)
- 7. Sady, Scott (M05) 97 15(12)
- 8. Anderson, Jeff (M06) 95 14(12)
- 9. Davis, Bob (M08) 88 9(9)
- 10. Fulton, Doug (M07) 86 15(13)

[Men's season bibs 7,8,9, and 10 were all decided on the final day of racing at the Mammoth season finals]